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The Office of Grants and Local Services (Office) develops and administers grant programs that provide funds to local and state agencies and other organizations for park, recreation, and resources related projects. This is an update of the annual programs that this Office administers as well as the programs provided for by Proposition 12 and the recently approved Proposition 40.

ANNUAL GRANT PROGRAMS

Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF)

This is a \$2 million competitive grant program under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 available to local public agencies. The HCF Program requires a dollar for dollar match from a non-state source. The following categories will be funded during the next grant cycle: (1) Anadromous Salmonid /Trout habitat, (2) Deer/Lion Habitat, (3) Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species, (4) Trails/Programs. **Application deadline is October 1, 2002.**

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

The LWCF Program provides funds to federal agencies and to 50 states and 6 territories. The money allocated to the states may be used for statewide planning and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Funding for this program will be determined by the federal fiscal year 2003 budget this October 2002. The LWCF program requires a dollar for dollar match. **Application deadline is May 1, 2003.**

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

The RTP provides funds for recreational trails and trails-related projects. The RTP funds are administered at the federal level by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). RTP funds are administered at the state level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Non-motorized project funds are administered by the Department's Office of Grants and Local Services. The Department's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division administers motorized projects. California's allocation for this grant cycle will be approximately \$3.2 million. About \$2.2 million will be available for non-motorized trails projects and \$1.0 million for motorized trails projects. Cities, counties, districts, state agencies, and non-profit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands are eligible to apply. The RTP is a matching program that provides up to 80% of the project costs. **Application deadline is October 1, 2002.**

Specified Grants

In each year's budget, there may be local assistance park projects from various fund sources that the Office of Grants and Local Services administers. General Fund, Environmental License Plate Fund, River Protection Sub-account, Bond Funds, and other sources are typical of programs that we manage using the Procedural Guide for various programs.

2000 BOND ACT (PROPOSITION 12)

Responding to the recreational and open-space needs of a growing population and expanding communities, Proposition 12 was passed in March 2000 to provide \$2.1 billion for the "Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000" (2000 Bond). Included in the 2000 Bond were approximately \$800 million for local assistance grant programs that have been developed by the Office and are described below.

Murray-Hayden Urban Youth Services Grant Program

Approximately \$43 million, are available for a competitive program to provide grant funding for capital projects, including parks, environmental enhancement projects, and youth centers that are within the immediate proximity of a neighborhood that has a critical lack of parks and/or open space and/or deteriorated park facilities in an area of significant poverty and unemployment. Eligible applicants for the competitive program are heavily urbanized counties (counties of 750,000 or more); heavily urbanized cities (cities of 200,000 or more), or cities within a heavily urbanized county; and non-profit organizations, eligible districts, and federally recognized California Indian Tribes within heavily urbanized counties or heavily urbanized cities. This program requires a 30% match of the project cost. The Department received 181 grant applications requesting \$220,859,154 in funding. Grant awards will be announced this Fall.

Dr. Paul Chaffee Zoological Program

This program consists of two different subprograms: (1) Zoos and Aquarium Facilities Grant (ZAF), and (2) Wildlife Care Facilities (WCF) Grant.

(1) ZAF

Under the ZAF Program, \$5,401,000 are available to cities, counties, and non-profit organizations for the development, rehabilitation, or restoration of facilities accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) as of April 1, 2002, that are operated by cities, counties, and non-profit organizations. All funds have been equally divided among the 20 eligible facilities that were AZA accredited as of April 1, 2002.

(2) WCF

Under the competitive WCF Program, \$385,000 are available to zoos and wildlife care centers, operated by cities, counties, and non-profit organizations, and federally recognized California Indian Tribes, that may not be AZA accredited, but that care for animals that have been injured or abandoned and that cannot be returned to the wild. Eligible projects include development, rehabilitation, or restoration of facilities that care for native California wildlife that have been injured or abandoned and that cannot be returned to the wild. The Department received 15

grant applications requesting \$893,969 in funding. All funds have been allocated to 6 projects.

Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program

This is a \$10 million grant program that funds the development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, and enhancement of non-motorized trails and associated interpretive facilities for the purpose of increasing public access to, and enjoyment of, public areas for increased recreational opportunities. All funds have been allocated to 6 specified projects and 11 competitive projects.

Per Capita Grant Program

This is a \$388 million grant program which has funds that are allocated to cities, counties, and eligible districts on a population-based formula. Allocations were released in April 2001 and jurisdictions have until July 1, 2003 to have a fully executed contract and July 1, 2008 to complete projects. Funds may be used for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and the development of interpretive facilities for local parks and recreational lands and facilities, including renovation of recreational facilities conveyed to local agencies resulting from the downsizing or decommissioning of federal military installations.

Regional Youth Soccer-Baseball Facilities Grant Program

This is a \$15 million grant program for regional youth soccer facilities and/or baseball facilities operated by non-profit organizations. All funds have been allocated to 30 specified projects in the fiscal year 2000/01 and 2001/02 State Budgets.

Riparian and Riverine Habitat Grant Program

This is a \$10 million program to provide funds on a competitive basis to increase public recreational access, awareness, understanding, enjoyment, protection, and restoration of California's irreplaceable rivers and streams. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, districts, local agencies formed for park purposes, and federally recognized California Indian Tribes. Eligible projects include the acquisition, development, or improvement of recreation areas, open space, parks, and trails in close proximity to rivers and streams. All projects must include a Riparian or Riverine habitat enhancement element and also provide for public access. The program has a minimum of \$20,000 and a maximum of \$400,000 per project. Application deadline was February 1, 2002. The Department received 121 grant applications requesting \$35,978,852 in funding.

Roberti-Z'berg-Harris (RZH) Grants

This program consists of three different subprograms: (1) RZH Block Grant; (2) the RZH Urbanized Area Need Basis Grant; and (3) RZH Non-urbanized Area Needs Basis Grant. Eligible projects for the three subprograms are acquisition of park and recreation lands and facilities, development/rehabilitation of park and recreation lands and facilities, special major maintenance of park and recreation lands and facilities, and innovative recreation programs. Note: Special major maintenance and/or innovative recreation programs may not exceed 30% of grant funds. This program requires a 30% match of the project cost.

(1) RZH Block Grant

This is a \$166 million grant program which has funds that are allocated to cities, counties, and eligible districts in urbanized areas on a population-based formula.

Allocations were released in April 2001, and jurisdictions have until July 1, 2004 to have a fully executed contract and July 1, 2009 to complete projects.

(2) RZH Urbanized Area Need Basis Grant

This is a \$4 million statewide competitive program. Eligible applicants are cities, recreation and park districts, and federally recognized California Indian Tribes in urbanized areas. These funds supplement Block Grant funds allocated to eligible cities, and recreation and park districts based on population and location within urbanized areas. Jurisdictions that received Block Grants at the rate for heavily urbanized areas are not eligible. The Department received 120 grant applications requesting \$22,499,869 in funding. All funds have been allocated to 18 projects.

(3) RZH Non-urbanized Area Need Basis Grant

This is a \$30 million statewide competitive program. Eligible applicants are cities, counties, districts, and federally recognized California Indian Tribes in non-urbanized areas. Jurisdictions that received RZH Block grants are located in urbanized areas and, as such, are not eligible for this program. The Department received 195 grant applications requesting \$35,978,852 in funding. All funds have been allocated to 109 projects.

Urban Recreational and Cultural Centers (URCC), Museums and Facilities for Wildlife or Environmental Education Grant Program

This is an \$8 million competitive grant program to fund the development of urban recreational and cultural centers, museums, and facilities for wildlife education or environmental education. To be eligible for funding an applicant's project must have been nominated by a member of the Legislature by June 30, 2001. The application deadline for nominated projects was November 1, 2001. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, non-profit organizations, and federally recognized California Indian Tribes. The Department received 469 grant applications requesting \$347,881,239 in funding.

2002 RESOURCES BOND (PROPOSITION 40)

Voters approved Proposition 40, the \$2.6 billion "California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002" (2002 Resources Bond), on March 5, 2002. The Office of Grants and Local Services is developing local assistance grant programs totaling \$832.5 million under the 2002 Resources Bond. The availability of funds for the various programs depends upon when these funds are appropriated in the State Budget ([table of budgeted programs](#)). Funds for the Murray-Hayden Urban Parks and Youth Service Program and the Urban Parks Act of 2001 (AB1481) were appropriated in the 2002/2003 State Budget. The other programs for Proposition 40 will be budgeted in future years. For more information, visit the California State Parks website at www.parks.ca.gov and look for the link to "Grants & Bond Acts."

A list of the local assistance grant programs in the 2002 Resources Bond follows:

LOCAL PARKS PROGRAMS	AMOUNT	TYPE
Per Capita: Grants are allocated to cities, counties, and eligible districts on a population-based formula. Funds may be used for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and the development of interpretive facilities for local parks and recreational lands and facilities.	\$350,000,000	Per Capita
Additional Per Capita – City and County of Los Angeles	\$22,500,000	Per Capita
Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Grant Program (RZH) (\$200 million)		
Eligible projects for the three RZH subprograms are acquisition of park and recreation lands and facilities, development/rehabilitation of park and recreation lands and facilities, special major maintenance of park and recreation lands and facilities, and innovative recreation programs.		
RZH Block: Grants are allocated to cities, counties, and eligible districts in urbanized areas on a population-based formula.	\$166,000,000	Per Capita
RZH Urbanized Area Need-Basis: Eligible applicants are cities, eligible recreation and park districts.	\$4,000,000	Competitive per PRC 5630
RZH Non-urbanized Area Need-Basis: Eligible applicants are cities, counties, and eligible districts.	\$30,000,000	Competitive per PRC 5630
Urban and Special Needs Park Programs (\$260 million)		
Murray-Hayden (Urban Youth Services): Eligible applicants include heavily urbanized counties, heavily urbanized cities, and districts and non-profit organizations within heavily urbanized cities and counties. Eligible projects include capital projects within the immediate proximity of a neighborhood that has a critical lack of parks in an area of significant poverty and unemployment as well as a shortage of youth services.	\$50,000,000	Competitive per AB 1602 PRC 5096.625
AB 1481 - Urban Park Act of 2001: Eligible applicants are heavily urbanized counties (population of 500,000 or more and a density of at least 1,100 persons per sq. mile), as well as cities (with a population of 100,000 or more that are not in a heavily urbanized county), other public entities and non-profit organizations within heavily urbanized cities and counties. Eligible projects are acquisition, or development, or both of property for NEW urban parks or NEW recreational facilities.	\$140,000,000	Competitive per AB 1481 PRC 5643 - 5647
SB 359 - (1) CA Youth Soccer and Recreation Development and (2) Urban Parks and Healthy Communities: (1) Eligible applicants are local agencies and community based organizations. Eligible projects are development of new youth soccer, baseball, and basketball facilities. (2) Eligible applicants are local agencies and community based organizations in urbanized and heavily urbanized areas. Eligible projects are acquisition and development of properties for active recreational purposes.	\$50,000,000	Competitive per SB 359 for both programs PRC 5004.5; PRC 5095.4 - 5095.5
City of Rancho Cucamonga Central Park	\$10,000,000	Specified
City of Los Angeles Hansen Dam Recreation Area	\$5,000,000	Specified
City of Los Angeles Sepulveda Basin Recreation Parkland	\$5,000,000	Specified
TOTAL LOCAL PARKS PROGRAMS	\$832,500,000	

Breakdown of Local Parks \$832.5 million programs by type of program:

Per Capita grant programs based on population:	\$538.5 million
Competitive grant programs based on need basis criteria:	\$274.0 million
Specified projects:	\$20.0 million
TOTAL	\$832.5 million